

Today marks the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Since its founding, the NAACP has advocated on behalf of equality and civil rights both at home and abroad. As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, the NAACP has been at the center of civil rights battles throughout the past 100 years of U.S. history, playing a major role in the struggles to ensure equal rights for all. I am proud to be a cosponsor of a resolution introduced by Representative Al Green of Texas, which recognizes the 102<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the NAACP and honors the continued dedication and leadership of this organization throughout our nation's plight towards equality for all.

As a lawyer, former judge, and now Member of Congress, I have fought diligently to promote and protect civil rights and liberties both in the United States and abroad. With the help of organizations and leaders such as the NAACP, much has been accomplished in the struggle towards equality. However, we must also remember that the fight is not over.

As we commemorate the achievements of the NAACP, we must continue to promote education and understanding regarding the historic achievements and organizations that have been critical to the protection of equal rights and civil liberties. Rest assured, I will remain committed to supporting, promoting, and protecting civil rights and equality, which are essential to freedom and democracy.